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Application No. 10/577,058) Group Art Unit: 2883

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Title: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE)
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 after June 30, 2003.

CN 1290922 was cited in an Office Action received in a corresponding Chinese Application mailed June 27, 2008.

Further, US 6,674,495, US 7,190,421, US 7,220,991 and US 2006/0231846 are in the same family as CN 1290922, but were not cited in the foreign communication.

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It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$180 fee required in connection with this filing, and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.

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